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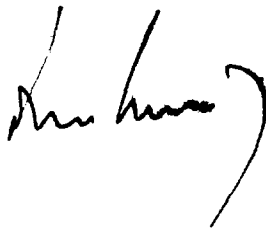
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Miss Kay Halle turned over to me a few days ago two albums filled with letters from the artists and writers who were invited to the Inauguration ceremonies. Mrs. Kennedy and I have had extraordinary pleasure in going through these volumes. We are grateful for the letters, and we shall treasure them for the rest of our lives.

I am hopeful that this collaboration between government and the arts will continue and prosper. Mrs. Kennedy and I would be particularly interested in any suggestions you may have in the future about the possible contributions the national government might make to the arts in America.

My wife joins me in extending best thanks and regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "John F. Kennedy", written in a cursive style.

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